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## NIGHT SESSION MAY BE HELD TO NOMINATE THE CANDIDATE AT DENVER

**Contest Over Planks in the Platform Causes Some Delay and the Program Has Had to Undergo a Change—Nomination May not be Made Before Friday, After Everything Else Has Been Cleaned up.**

**Vote of Wednesday Night on the Proposition to Oust the Guffey Delegation is Claimed by the Anti-Bryan Men to Indicate That Bryan will not Have the Required Two-thirds But Their Figures are Wrong—Draft of the Proposed Anti-Injunction Plank Pleases Gompers, but the Trainmen Enter a Protest with Bryan—Delegates Suffer From Heat but Stick to Their Task with Determination.**

Denver, July 9.—In the hope of being able to report a completed platform to the national convention immediately after the conclusion of the speech of Permanent Chairman Clayton, the political carpenters took an unusually early breakfast.

The general subcommittee of the full platform committee got together at 8:30 to receive the report of the representatives of the sub-committees to which had been referred preparation of planks on various subjects. These committees held sessions during the night and agreed upon practically all of the planks in question. Those on the injunction, railroad, currency and trusts were yet to be agreed upon when the general subcommittee met this morning to formulate its full report to the full committee, scheduled to meet at 9 o'clock.

Before the national convention was called to order at 11 o'clock today, the indications were that there would be considerable debate in the full resolutions committee on some of the important planks, especially those with reference to injunctions, currency, tariff, railroads, trusts and waterways.

**(CONVENTION IN A NUTSHELL.)**

Denver, Col., July 9.—The third day's session of national convention at 11 o'clock. Permanent organization and speech of permanent chairman Clayton.

Platform, upon which planks are now being nailed by the resolutions committee, to be presented and adopted by the convention probably late in the day.

A possibility of nominating speeches for the presidential candidate tonight.

Vice presidential situation still uncertain.

Total vote is now 1006, four votes having been added to the roll through an increase of the Oklahoma vote from 14 to 18 by the credentials committee. The two-thirds vote necessary to a choice for the presidential and vice presidential candidates is therefore 671.

Denver, Col., July 9.—Effort is being made today by the anti-Bryanites to show, as a result of the voting in Democratic convention last night in the Guffey case, that Bryan has not the necessary two-thirds to nominate him. This claim is based on the fact that only 615 votes could be mustered to carry out the Bryan plan of ousting the Guffey delegates. If the delegates who voted to sustain Guffey were to stand firm, it is argued, they could prevent the nomination of Bryan on the first ballot.

In this speculation it is however overlooked that many delegates who came here under positive instructions to vote for Bryan for president, did not consider themselves bound by instructions to support all of his policies, and voted for Guffey. Among the votes cast in favor of Pennsylvania were the following from delegations instructed for Bryan, California, 6; Colorado, 9; Illinois, 54; Iowa, 2; Missouri, 5; South Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 12; Virginia, 22; West Virginia, 23; District of Columbia, 6.

This is a total of 123 votes. Adding them to 615 votes cast in the convention against Guffey, makes the grand total of at least 738 which will go to Bryan on the first ballot for president. As the number necessary to nominate is only 671, Bryan has 62 more than two thirds of the convention.

At 11:30 a. m. today Temporary Chairman Bell called the Democratic national convention to order for the third day's session.

Despite the intense heat and the general belief that it would be hours and possibly not until tomorrow, before the nomination would be reached, the crowd piled into the building, filling every seat and standing in the topmost galleries. The delegates were slow in arriving.

In the meantime the platform committee, after brief discussion, had adopted unanimously the anti-injunction plank as recommended by the sub-committee. It is said to be satisfactory to President Gompers, but the heads of the triennial organization have telegraphed a protest against it to Bryan. After Chairman Bell had secured order, Rabbi Samuel Koch, offered prayer.

The report of the committee on permanent organization was received and adopted and the permanent chairman, Henry C. Clayton, of Alabama was escorted to the platform. He at once began his speech, as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Democrats: This is a Democratic year. Democratic ideas are now popular. Doctrines always taught by our party and scoffed at by our opponents are now urged as a gospel of their own. Measures and policies of Democratic origin are now pretendedly advocated by the leaders of the Republican party. It is no longer "anarchistic" to declare private monopolies to be indefensible or that the great transportation companies should be regulated and controlled by public law. Former questioning of the decision of a bare majority of the supreme court in the income tax case cannot now be heard, because of the greater noise of the vehement and emboldened denunciation of judges and judicial acts that have shocked the country. A demand for the revision of the tariff is no longer a threat to destroy our industrial system. Trusts are not to be tolerated even by the Republican party. We need not now enlarge on the list of Republican admissions and promises for election purposes only. The Republican party has made marked progress in promise, to the people and much greater progress in aiding selfish interests and special privileges. That party, guided by expediency and campaign necessity, would camp this year on Democratic ground. If its apparent recent progress is to continue it does not require a very great sweep of the imagination to see written into a Republican platform four years hence these abuses and failures on the part of the present administration. I urge the impossibility of separating the present occupant of the White House from his own appointed one.

It has been made evident in the pending campaign that the Republicans will seek to conjure with the name of Roosevelt, and will rely upon the president's policies as a prized asset. The president has advertised himself and his policies with a frequency and ability that surpasses the best efforts of the shrewdest press agent. A distinguished Republican former cabinet officer once publicly proclaimed the president to be the greatest exponent of the art of advertising the world has known. The country has been told and not allowed to forget that in his opinion his energies have been devoted to the accomplishment of many high purposes, and that if his work is yet incomplete, it is so only because his undertakings were too vast to be carried to success during his term of office.

"My policies" must continue; so the champion of these would transfer office and power to his favorite cabinet minister, and his spear is to have a fellow. The pretense is that the fight must go on under the leadership designated by him until the last foe shall have surrendered or lies inglorious in the dust. The nomination of his would-be successor was largely accomplished by the use of official patronage and coarse machine methods, and has delighted the chief apostle of strenuousness, and at the same time has not perturbed the conscience of the one-time civil service reformer, now the boss, a n adept in the bestial of public plunder and forgetful of all his resounding moral commonplace. No fair minded American could read the daily accounts of the recent political doings at Chicago without feeling mortification and regret; mortification that the president should have so abused his power in dictating to a great party his choice of a successor, and regret that the party should have submitted so cowardly to a humiliation that was as manifest as it was degrading.

What are the policies which constitute the capital of the Republican party in this campaign and that are relied upon to support the candidacy of Mr. Taft?

To recall Democratic platforms, speeches and measures is to convince any man that many of the president's utterances were derived from an avowed familiarity with the teachings of our party. His utterances that are Democratic have given him his only claim to be a reformer and have contributed largely to the popularity he has enjoyed. The heir and the party are committed to unfaltering adherence to the policies of the president.

What are these policies and what are the achievements of president and party?

It must be admitted that the republic cannot long survive if fraud and corruption become material factors in our elections. No man has said more than the president about corruption of elections. You recall his message to congress in December, 1905, where he said that "it has been only too clearly shown that certain men at the head of these large corporations take but small note of the ethical distinction between honesty and dishonesty; they draw the line only this side of what may be called law honesty, the kind of honesty necessary in order to avoid falling into the clutches of the law."

We have here the condemnation of the practice. Has he proved his

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### BUILDING COLLAPSES; TWENTY PEOPLE KILLED

St. Petersburg, July 9.—Twenty persons were killed today and twice this number badly injured in the collapse of a large building in course of erection.

## MILITIA IS ORDERED OUT

**Snake Indians in Oklahoma are Becoming Threatening.**

Guthrie, Okla., July 9.—A company of state militia was ordered, this afternoon from Chandler to Henrietta, to protect the residents there from the Snake Indians, who are holding a corn dance at Hickory camp grounds. The Indians are reported to have risen and the situation is believed to be serious. Adjutant General Canton is at Henrietta. Acting Governor Bellamy will accompany the militia.

## TOWN WIPED OUT

**A Thousand Perish in a Flood in Asia Minor, Today.**

**BULLETIN.**

Constantinople, July 9.—One thousand people were drowned today in a flood that wiped out the town of Tokal, on the Yesil Irmak river, in Asia Minor, according to a news agency report.

**Highly Seasoned Candy.**

The following is accredited to the late Senator Hoar: At a Fourth of July celebration in a Canadian town, where both English and American guests were assembled, the flags of the two countries were used in decorations. A frivolous young English girl, loyal to the queen, but with no love for the Stars and Stripes, exclaimed: "Oh, what a silly looking thing the American flag is! It suggests nothing but checker-berry candy." "Yes," replied Senator Hoar, "the kind of candy that has made everybody sick who ever tried to lick it."

### RECORD FOR LEAP YEAR MARRIAGES IS BROKEN

Burlington, N. J., July 9.—A fifteen-minute courtship preceded a romantic leap-year wedding last night at the parsonage of the Union M. E. church when Rev. John W. Lynch "the marrying parson" tied the knot for Howard Ellis Applegate of Camden, and Miss Elizabeth Carpenter of Mt. Holly. The couple had left the county seat for a phaeton ride.

The bridegroom would not acknowledge it, but friends of the pair say that pretty Miss Carpenter popped the question and Applegate, not to be outdone, made the counter proposition that the ceremony be performed at once. A quarter of an hour afterward they knocked at the parsonage door.

## MAY DRAFT JUDGE GRAY

**Bryan Men May Nominate Him Believing He will not Desert.**

Denver, July 9.—Judge Gray is to be forced to accept the Vice Presidential nomination with Mr. Bryan. The announcement which was made yesterday that the Bryan leaders were planning to stampede the second place nomination to the Delaware man has received positive confirmation.

The Vice Presidential situation is still in abeyance, with the Bryan element silent, but determined to make this bold stroke. With a multiplicity of Vice Presidential candidates to choose from and none of them desired, the leaders figure that they have everything to win and nothing to lose in drafting Gray on the ticket. In fact, the famous announcement of the Commoner last November, when he said that, while not a candidate for the Presidential nomination still if the party drafted him he would not desert will be used as an argument.

## A DEAL IS MADE

**Scribners Wins Out in Fight for Articles From Teddy's Pen.**

New York, July 9.—The prize so eagerly sought for by publishers throughout the United States a contract with Theodore Roosevelt for the chronicle of his big game hunt in South Africa, has gone to the firm of Charles Scribner's Sons. The Scribners stated that the president would not be paid "per word" but would receive royalty.

## STREETS OF TRABRIZ ARE DRENCHED WITH BLOOD

**Hunger Mad Mobs of Men, Women and Children are Attacked in the Streets by Cossacks and the Most Bloody Slaughter of the Persian City is in Progress—Hundreds Have Been Killed.**

Odessa, July 9.—Rioting and bloodshed and merciless slaughter by Cossacks broke out in Tabriz, Persia, again today. A food famine is the cause of the latest outbreak.

Thousands of citizens of the stricken city early this morning began a bread riot in the streets. Mobs of starving people made raids on the bakers and provision houses. Soldiers and cavalrymen charged the frantic,

hunger-mad mobs and the fight is now raging more bitter than in any of the previous encounters. Women and children joined in rioting and fell with the men in the blood-stained streets.

The casualties of the day will run into the hundreds, and no one can predict what the end will be for a large part of the population is crazed with hunger.

## CONEY ISLAND NEARLY WIPED OUT BY FIRE

**Two of the Largest Hotels are Destroyed and the Guests are Compelled to Leap From the Windows Leaving Their Clothing and Jewelry Behind—Property Loss is a Quarter of a Million.**

New York, July 9.—More than a quarter of a million dollars went up in smoke early today in a fire which nearly wiped out Coney Island. Two famous hotels, Vanderveers and Pabsts, were destroyed and 25,000 people saw their guests leap for life from the blazing windows. Scores of men and women leaped to unburned awnings when the flames started. Nearly all of the guests lost all clothing, jewelry etc.

## NIGHT SESSION HELD BUT LITTLE IS DONE

**Hobson is Called to the Stand for an Address and He Makes Another Prediction of War with Japan—Report of the Credentials Committee is All of the Business Transacted.**

Denver, July 9.—At the night session of the convention the galleries were well filled long before the first delegates and alternates began to make their appearance. A great crowd of sight seers was gathered outside the auditorium. In the hall the cowboy band, unfatigued by its strenuous afternoon work, entertained the assembling delegates and spectators with a long program of popular selections.

Under the glow of thousands of electric bulbs the convention hall showed to the best advantage. With the vast audience in its place the night session was a brilliant one.

Apparently it was the opinion of many of the visitors that the night session was to reveal a reproduction of the spectacular scenes enacted during the day. The delegates were however, of another mind, and having worried themselves by their enthusiasm earlier in the day, did not pour into the hall with the same alacrity as was shown by the public.

The convention officers and the members of the credentials committee were in a panic as the time approached for opening the convention because the majority report of the committee was missing. The precious document was in the possession of the stenographer and he could not be found. The same individual was also in possession of a speech to be delivered by Representative Ollie James, of Kentucky, who was also in mental distress because of the absence of his oration.

The officers, after a short conference, decided that no work should be undertaken by the convention except to consider the report of the credentials committee. The report of the committee on permanent organization and the speech of Chairman Clayton went over until tomorrow.

At 8:30 the report of the committee on credentials was brought to the hall but Chairman Bell had wandered off and could not be located and the delegates and spectators put in another period of inactivity while pages and messengers were scouring the hall to bring the chairman to his desk.

Col. Guffey, about whom the storm of the night was expected to center, appeared on the floor soon after 8 o'clock and immediately was surrounded by several of his lieutenants and sympathizers who were prepared to take up the battle in his behalf.

When Chairman Bell had been brought back and after bringing down his gavel in a rapid tattoo he gave vent once more to his stereotyped cry: "The convention will be in order, gentlemen will take their seats."

The convention, however, did not at once come to order, nor did the gentlemen "take their seats," for the reason that several letter carriers were distributing mail among the delegates and they were for the time being more interested in letters from home than in reports of convention matters.

It was 8:37 when the business of the evening was taken up.

Mr. Ormond, of Florida, was recognized to move that Representative Richmond P. Hobson, of Alabama, be invited to address the convention. Mingled with the cheers for "Hobson, Hobson," were many cries of "No, no." Chairman Bell put the motion to a viva voce vote and there was a rousing storm of "aye" and "no," some of the delegates supplementing their negative votes by demands of "Give us committee reports; we want to do business."

"Please permit the chair to announce the result," said the chairman as soon as he could be heard above the confusion. "I have a very sensitive ear, and I decide that the vote is a tie. It is therefore the privilege of the chair to cast the deciding vote. I cast in the affirmative, and Congressman Hobson is invited to address the convention."

Cheers and a few hisses followed Hobson to the stand, and he received a warm welcome as he stood behind Chairman Bell. After Mr. Hobson had been speaking for fifteen minutes the crowd began to grow restless and cries of "Time" came from floor and galleries.

In concluding his address Congressman Hobson declared that, if the Democratic party was successful in the



—Donahy in Cleveland Plain Dealer.